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THE Court of Appeals has decided the governorship contest in favor of Beckham by affirming the decision of Judge Emmett Fields. A writ of error was prayed for by Taylor and was granted by Chief Justice Hazelrigg and the case now goes to the Supreme Court of the United States. The attorneys for Gov. Beckham will at once file a demurrer as soon as the case is passed up and we are confident the contention of the Democrats will again be sustained. For the benefit of our numerous readers we will review some of the points in this great case which is of so much interest to the people. The Legislature met on the 3rd day of January and on the third day a contest board was selected as is provided by the Constitution and Statute. That board after taking the oath heard the evidence introduced by Gov. Taylor and by Mr. Goebel and reported to the Legislature on the 2nd of February in favor of Mr. Goebel; that report was then confirmed by the Senate and House separately and jointly. However, on 30th day of January that gallant leader of the common people was shot down by an assassin while doing his duty in going to the Senate receiving a wound from which he died on February 3rd. On January 31st the day following the assassination of Senator Goebel, Gov. Taylor declared the Legislature adjourned until February 6th, at which time it was to meet in our sister town of London—The Court of Appeals through six of its seven Judges declared that Gov. Taylor had no right and that the order of adjournment was absolutely void. Remember, two Republicans of the bench concur with the Democratic Judges. There was no meeting of the Legislature in the state house from the 2nd day of February until the 19th day of the same month but the Democrats recognizing the fact that Taylor had no authority or power to adjourn that body held regular meetings in the Capitol hotel because the state house was held by armed soldiers by order of Taylor and the Legislature was dispersed at the point of their bayonets from that place and chased by blue-coated partisan, up and down the streets of Frankfort. No sane Republican can now deny but that we were in the right and clearly so; for if we had not been, Judges Burnam and Guffy, (Rep) of that bench, would certainly have never voted in favor of Gov. Beckham. After the legislature had voted in favor of Senator Goebel and Mr. Beckham, they were immediately sworn in. That act made Goebel the legal Governor and Beckham Lieutenant Governor, and Mr. Taylor a private citizen. You notice we say Gov. Taylor and such he was until the regular constitutional authorities passed on his title. The highest court of this State holds that the proper tribunal passed on the merits of the contest, that the Legislature was the only constitutional tribunal which could act upon the question and that it

was properly in session when it decided in favor of Goebel and Beckham. The Democrats have had the law and right on their side from the beginning and have made no movement which has not been warranted by the law and upheld by the various Courts of law. During all this wading-in-blood talk, in the midst of threats and incendiary speeches and actual assassination the Democrats have simply invoked the law, willing at all times and under all circumstances to abide the law, and by it they have been vindicated at every step as is strongly and conclusively shown by this last non-partisan decision of the highest court of our Commonwealth. Let justice be done we say, but if we be law-abiding citizens it is our plain duty to acquiesce in the decision of our courts and obey its mandates. For if we do not, our tribunals are useless; our government a farce, our laws a hiss and a by-word and our social fabric a wreck.

A great storm of protest is coming from the Republicans from every part of the country against the Porto Rican Tariff Bill first passed the House of Congress. The Chicago Times-Herald, one of the leading Republican paper of the west directs an editorial to Pres. McKinley and says in part: "Undo the great wrong to Porto Rico." "Thus was the grievous blunder committed. How grievous and fraught with what dire possibilities, not only to the Republican party but to the country, neither Congress nor the President could have foreseen. But they must realize now that the tariff section in the Porto Rican Bill has aroused a storm throughout the country that will not down."

"If Congress and the President persist in their present course, nothing can save the Republican party from defeat next November. It will surely cost them the House of Representatives, and it may cost them the presidency."

"But one course is open to the Republican party. Let it face the situation with the only spirit that can compel respect in the presence of a stupendous and humiliating blunder. Let it acknowledge the mistake and make haste to regain popular confidence by undoing the contemplated wrong to Porto Rico."

Senator Davis, Rep. of Minnesota chairman of the committee on Foreign Relations has offered an amendment in the senate establishing absolute free trade between the U. S. and Porto Rico and will fight the tariff bill passed by the House.

Ex-Pres. Ben Harrison gave out an interview at his home in Indianapolis a few days since in which he wisely says: "I regard the bill as a most serious departure from right principles."

In some parts of the U. S. Admiral Dewey seems to be very much in it for President, but the great hero is like some other people we have heard of, a pretty good fighter, but not the man for Pres. and unless he can get some one else to lead the procession besides his wife, he had better quit the race.

BRODHEAD

Prot, Hopkins, the great Sunday School evangelist, was with us last week, three nights.

Walter Miller has moved to the M. E. Albright property.

Work has begun again on our streets and side walks and it is hoped the good work will not stop until we are rid of mud.

Mrs. Tilman who has been visiting friends here, has returned home and to the regret of some poor boy, has taken one of our best girls.

After a long and protracted cold winter and a late spring, our farmers are hitting their biggest licks.

J. R. Cass is painting his handsome residence.

F. Francisco, wife and daughter Miss Jewell, made a trip to the mountains this week taking in Williamsburg and other towns.

A. J. Pike still continues on the sick list.

The school of Miss Bettie Hendrickson closed last Friday. All seem to be well pleased in the way the school was conducted.

Brodhead's most accomplished painter and paper hanger, W. A. Carson, has been doing some extra work at Mt. Vernon this week.

R. W. Tharpe informs me he will return to Alabama this week to resume work again as a bridge carpenter.

I am proud to inform the people that our old friend W. H. Collyer, who has been confined to his room nearly all winter, is out again and he and Mrs. Collyer spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Painter.

Mrs. Geo. Hughes is quite sick from fever. So Dr. Gravely informs me.

John Marler stopped over with F. Francisco Sunday.

Geo. Brooks was down from Hazel Patch Saturday and Sunday to see his best girl.

You may look for a wedding in Brodhead soon.

J. F. Watson visited near Beelick Sunday.

Born to the wife of J. B. Farmer on the 9th, a boy.

W. G. Proctor was in town Monday, and says all are well around Quail.

There is nothing new from Frankfort this week in regard to the Goebel murder case. The grand jury is examining witness and Judge Cantrell has ruled that nothing shall be given out for publication until the jury is discharged.

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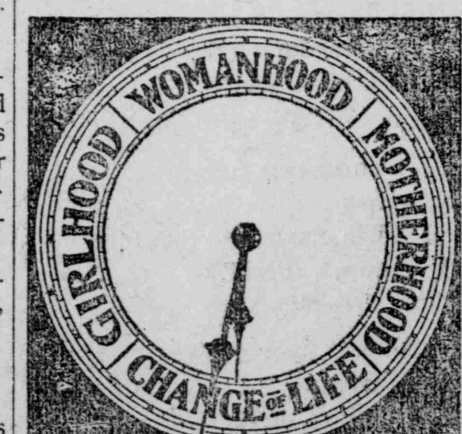
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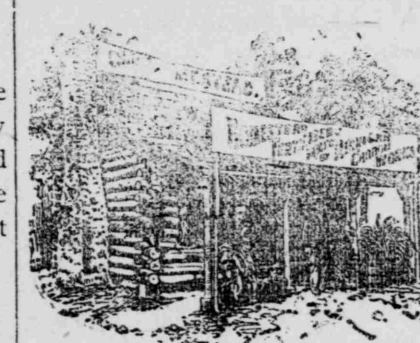
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